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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James Robinson Risner has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-eight; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson Risner was a retired Brigadier General in the United States military and the loving husband for thirty-six years of Dorothy; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson Risner was the much-adored father of six children and the grandfather of fourteen to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A daring and highly decorated fighter pilot, James Robinson Risner joined the United States Army Air Forces in 1943 and was stationed in Panama during World War II; and

WHEREAS, During the Korean War, James Robinson Risner became an ace fighter pilot and flew 108 missions; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson Risner was shot down while serving in the Vietnam War and spent seven years as a prisoner; and

WHEREAS, Following the Vietnam War, James Robinson Risner commanded training programs until his retirement in 1976; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson Risner was the recipient of two Silver Star Medals and was one of only four airmen in history to receive more than one Air Force Cross; and

WHEREAS, A statue was erected in honor of James Robinson Risner at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2001; and

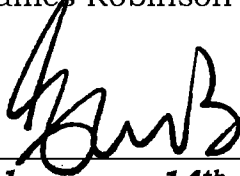
WHEREAS, The heroism, sacrifice and dedication of James Robinson Risner serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson Risner will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, James Robinson Risner imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of November, 2013, do hereby commemorate James Robinson Risner for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of James Robinson Risner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward

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